

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Disclosure – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Ultimate Medical Academy (“UMA”) received funds under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (“CRRSAA”), and under the American Rescue Plan (“ARP”), which together compose the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, and separately are referred to as “HEERF I”, “HEERF II”, and “HEERF III”, respectively. As of June 30, 2021 (the date of this disclosure), UMA has used these funds exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students.

UMA takes receipt of these federal funds seriously and are distributing them in accordance with the Department of Education (“ED”)’s implementing guidance.

The institution is making the below information available for transparency purposes and in compliance with ED’s guidance. For questions regarding this disclosure, please contact the Student Financial Aid Office at clearwaterstudentfinance@Ultimatemedical.edu or onlinestudentfinance@ultimatemedical.edu.

Dated: 7/9/21, **revised 3/10/2022**

1. UMA signed and returned two separate certifications and agreements to ED relating to the respective student-specific and institutional portions of the funds allocated to it under HEERF I. UMA accepted its HEERF II funds by beginning to draw them down within the time period required by ED, has done the same for the HEERF III funds allocated for student grants, and plans to do the same for HEERF III funds allocated for institution uses.
2. UMA received the following HEERF allocations:
 - a. HEERF I:
 - i. Student grants: \$234,575
 - ii. Institutional use: \$234,575
 - b. HEERF II:
 - i. Student grants: \$11,372,236
 - ii. Institutional use: \$858,563
 - c. HEERF III:
 - i. Student grants: \$19,664,877
 - ii. Institutional use: \$535,351
3. As of the date of this disclosure, UMA has distributed the following amounts, all in the form of emergency aid grants to students:
 - a. HEERF I:
 - i. Student grants: \$234,575
 - ii. Institutional use: \$234,575
 - b. HEERF II:**
 - i. Student grants: \$6,426,000**
 - ii. Institutional use: \$0**
 - c. HEERF III:
 - i. Student grants: \$0
 - ii. Institutional use \$0
4. As of the date of this disclosure, 177 students at UMA’s Clearwater campus were eligible and received HEERF I funds, exhausting all such funds. UMA estimates that 10,130 students at UMA are eligible to receive grants under HEERF II. Eligibility for HEERF III funds has not yet been finalized.
- 5. As of the date of this disclosure, 6,426 students have received emergency financial aid grants through HEERF II. No**

HEERF III funds have been awarded to students as of the date of this disclosure.

6. UMA has used the following student eligibility criteria to date for the awarding of HEERF II funds. No awards of HEERF III funds have been made as of the date of this disclosure.
 - a. **Online students**
 - i. The student is eligible for federal financial aid;
 - ii. The student is eligible for the federal Pell Grant;
 - iii. The student has completed UMA's Provisional Enrollment Period, as defined in UMA's Catalog,⁵ as of the census date identified by UMA;
 - iv. The student completed and returned a HEERF II Fund Student Attestation (included with this Memorandum as Exhibit B) in a timely manner⁶ indicating eligibility, need, and desire to receive a grant;
 - v. The student is enrolled at UMA on the census date identified by UMA and at least seven days prior to the date that grant funds are disbursed.
 - b. **Clearwater students**
 - i. The student is eligible for federal financial aid;
 - ii. The student has completed UMA's Provisional Enrollment Period, as defined in UMA's Catalog, as of the census date identified by UMA;
 - iii. The student completed and returned a HEERF II Fund Student Attestation (included with this Memorandum as Exhibit B) in a timely manner⁸ indicating eligibility, need, and desire to receive a grant;
 - iv. The student is enrolled at UMA on the census date identified by UMA and at least seven days prior to the date that grant funds are disbursed.

The initial distributions of HEERF II funds to Online students began on April 6, 2021 and were continuing as of the date of this disclosure. Exclusively Online students who were enrolled as of March 15, 2021 and met the stated criteria were awarded the same amount: \$1,000.

Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by UMA to students concerning the HEERF I and HEERF II emergency student grants are provided in the following attachments. Funds not allocated to students through the processes outlined herein, if any, will be reallocated to other eligible grants or costs, or returned to ED.

Attachment A –
Email to
Clearwater campus
students regarding
HEERF I

Dear [Student]

The CARES Act, passed to address the COVID-19 pandemic, created a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”) that provides institutions of higher education certain funds for distribution to students, and funds to manage certain impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

To be eligible to receive these funds you must meet the following criteria: (1) be eligible for federal financial aid and (2) were, as of March 13, 2020, enrolled in an FSA eligible program offered at UMA’s Clearwater campus.

Please read carefully, complete and submit the attached Student Attestation form.

If you have any questions or need any assistance please contact the Student Finance Office at clearwaterstudentfinance@Ultimatemedical.edu.

**Attachment B – Student
Attestations for HEERF I
and HEERF II**



CARES Act Grant Student Attestation

Clearwater Campus
1255 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755
Tel: 888-212-5421 option 3
www.ultimatemedical.edu

Student Name: _____ **SSN (Last Four):** xxx-xx-_____

The CARES Act, passed to address the COVID-19 pandemic, created a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”) that provides institutions of higher education certain funds for distribution to students, and funds to manage certain impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ultimate Medical Academy was allocated \$469,150 under the HEERF, and will distribute at least fifty percent of those funds (\$234,575) to students who are both: (1) otherwise eligible for federal financial aid and (2) were, as of March 13, 2020, enrolled in a program offered at UMA’s Clearwater campus.

Section A:

Selection One:

I _____, incurred expenses, or expect to incur expenses, related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, limited to eligible expenses under my cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care, and I am in need of money to help me pay for these expenses. My CARES Act grant eligibility has been explained to me and I understand that I must use these funds only for the expenses described in this paragraph.

OR

Selection Two:

I _____, ***have not*** incurred, and do not expect to incur, expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (limited to eligible expenses under my cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care), ***or*** am ***not*** in need of money to help me pay for these expenses. My CARES Act grant eligibility has been explained to me and I wish to decline the entire Cares Act grant.

Section B:

____ I confirm Selection One above and wish to request a CARES Act grant of \$1600.

____ I confirm Selection One above and have, or expect to have soon, eligible costs that are related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic that add up to an amount more than \$1600 and would like to request additional CARES Act grant funds for the following purpose(s):

- Childcare Healthcare Food
- Housing Technology Course Materials

____ I confirm Selection Two above and understand that I am not eligible to receive any portion of the CARES Act grant because I did not incur any costs that can be covered by the CARES Act grant, or I have otherwise determined that I do not need the CARES Act grant funds.

The funds awarded to UMA under the CARES Act are limited. Submission of this CARES Act Grant Student Attestation does not guarantee receipt of a grant, or any particular amount of funds.

Section C:

By signing this form and completing Selection One, I certify and attest that all information reported herein is complete and correct. I further certify and attest that I am eligible to receive federal Title IV financial aid funds and have incurred, or expect to incur in the future, expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic (including eligible expenses under my cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, or child care). I further certify and attest that any funds I receive based on this attestation will be used only for these expenses. If I do not use all of the funds I am awarded for these expenses, I will contact the Student Financial Aid Office by 1/31/2021 to return any excess funds received.

Student's Signature _____ Date: _____



HEERF II Fund Student Attestation - Online

Student Name: _____ **SSN (Last Four):** xxx-xx-_____

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, enacted on December 27, 2020 to address the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, created a second Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF II”) that provides institutions of higher education certain funds for distribution to students, and funds to institutions to manage certain impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ultimate Medical Academy (“UMA”) was allocated HEERF II funds on December 20, 2020, of which at least \$234,575 must be used for student grants. UMA has opted to use its allocated funds exclusively for student grants.¹

UMA has defined students at its Online campus as potentially eligible to receive an initial HEERF II grant if they: (1) are otherwise eligible for federal financial aid; (2) are eligible for the federal Pell Grant; (3) have completed UMA’s Provisional Enrollment Period, as defined in UMA’s Catalog; (4) have completed and returned this HEERF II Fund Student Attestation in a timely manner indicating eligibility, need, and desire to receive a grant; and (5) are enrolled at UMA on the census date identified by UMA and at least seven days prior to the date that grant funds are disbursed.

Section A:

Selection One:

I, _____, incurred or expect to incur (a) eligible expenses under my cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care, and I am in need of money to help me pay for these expenses and/or (b) emergency costs arising due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. My HEERF II grant eligibility has been explained to me and I understand that I must use these funds only for the expenses described in this paragraph.

OR

Selection Two:

I, _____, **have not** incurred, and do not expect to incur, (a) eligible expenses under my cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care, and I am in need of money to help me pay for these expenses and/or (b) emergency costs arising due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care **or** am **not** in need of money to help me pay for these expenses. My HEERF II grant eligibility has been explained to me and I wish to decline the entire HEERF II grant amount.

Section B:

____ I confirm Selection One above and wish to request an HEERF II grant.

____ I confirm Selection Two above and understand that I am not eligible to receive any portion of the HEERF II grant because I did not incur any costs that can be covered by the HEERF II grant, or I have otherwise determined that I do not need the HEERF II grant funds.

The funds awarded to UMA under the HEERF II are limited. Submission of this HEERF II Fund Student Attestation does not guarantee receipt of a grant, or any particular amount of funds.

¹ Additionally, UMA’s Clearwater campus was allocated funds under the Cares Act in an initial Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF I”), which were not completely exhausted at the time that the HEERF II was established. Remaining HEERF I funds will be used to make grants to Clearwater campus students according to the requirements set under HEERF II.

Section C:

By signing this form and completing Selection One, I certify and attest that all information reported herein is complete and correct. I further certify and attest that I understand that my continued or future attendance at UMA is not a condition to me receiving these funds. I further certify and attest that I am eligible to receive federal Title IV financial aid funds and specifically Pell Grant funds, and I have completed UMA's Provisional Enrollment Period, as defined in its Catalog. I further certify and attest that I have incurred, or expect to incur in the future, the expenses described in this HEERF II Fund Student Attestation, and I further certify and attest that any funds I receive based on this HEERF II Fund Student Attestation will be used only for these expenses. If I do not use all of the funds I am awarded for these expenses, I will contact the Student Finance department by September 1, 2021 to return any excess funds received.

Section D:

By checking this box, I indicate my preference to apply all or part of my HEERF II grant funds to my account with UMA. Specifically, I wish to apply \$_____ in HEERF II grant funds to my account with UMA, and I direct UMA to so apply these funds first, before providing me with the residual HEERF II grant funds (if any) via a check. I understand that I am not under any obligation to apply any HEERF II funds to my UMA account, and select this option freely and of my own will.

Student's Signature _____ Date: _____